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Executive Order 12866

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) reviewed this advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPR) under Executive Order 12866, *Regulatory Planning and Review*, issued by the President on September 30, 1993. Any changes made in this ANPR subsequent to its submission to OMB are identified in the docket file, which is available for public inspection during regular business hours in the Office of the Rules Docket Clerk, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Room 10276, 451 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20410.

Dated: June 2, 1997.

Nicolas P. Retsinas,

Assistant Secretary for Housing, Federal Housing Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Mine Safety and Health Administration

30 CFR Parts 56, 57, 62, 70, and 71

RIN 1219-AA53

Health Standards for Occupational Noise Exposure

AGENCY: Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA), Labor.

ACTION: Proposed rule; extension of comment period and close of record.

SUMMARY: MSHA is extending the post-hearing comment period and close of record regarding the Agency's proposed rule for occupational noise exposure, which was published in the **Federal Register** on December 17, 1996.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before August 1, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the proposed rule may be transmitted by electronic mail, fax, or mail. Comments by electronic mail must be clearly identified as such and sent to this e-mail address: noise@msha.gov. Comments by fax must be clearly identified as such and sent to: MSHA, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, 703-235-5551. Send mail comments to: MSHA, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, Room 631, 4015 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22203-1984.

MSHA will also accept written comments from the mining public in the field and district offices and technical

support centers. These comments will be a part of the official rulemaking record. Interested persons are encouraged to supplement written comments with computer files or disks; please contact the Agency with any questions about format.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Patricia W. Silvey, Director, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, MSHA, phone 703-235-1910.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 17, 1996, MSHA published in the **Federal Register** (61 FR 66348) a proposed rule to revise the Agency's existing health standards for occupational noise exposure. The comment period was scheduled to close on February 18, 1997. On February 6, 1997, MSHA published in the **Federal Register** (62 FR 5554) a notice extending the comment period to April 21, 1997, and announcing that the rulemaking record would close on June 16, 1997. On March 3, 1997, MSHA published a notice in the **Federal Register** (62 FR 9404) extending the close of the record to June 20, 1997.

The Agency held six public hearings on the noise proposal: May 6 in Beaver, West Virginia; May 8 in St. Louis, Missouri; May 13, in Denver, Colorado; May 15, in Las Vegas, Nevada; May 28 in Atlanta, Georgia; and May 30 in Washington, DC. During this time frame, MSHA received several requests from the mining community to extend the time for the close of the record for an additional 60 days.

MSHA has evaluated these requests within the context of the time that the Agency has already provided for comment and testimony on the noise proposal. The Agency believes that an extension to August 1, 1997, which results in a post-hearing comment period of 60 days, is both adequate and reasonable. Further, MSHA believes that this additional 60-day period will provide sufficient time for all interested parties to review and comment on the proposal, and written comments, and testimony the Agency has received thus far. All interested members of the mining public are encouraged to submit comments prior to August 1, 1997.

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Assistant Secretary for Mine Safety and Health.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

30 CFR Part 250

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Seismic Reassessment of California Outer Continental Shelf Platforms; Republication

Editorial Note: The document set forth below was originally published at 62 FR 31538-31541, Tuesday, June 10, 1997, and is being reprinted in its entirety because of typesetting errors.

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: MMS has developed proposed regulations for the seismic reassessment of offshore platforms. This proposed rule would only apply to platforms on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) offshore the State of California. This proposed rule includes criteria for determining a platform's fitness through a structural analysis. Each platform on the California OCS would need to undergo a seismic assessment within 3 years of publication of the final rule. An analysis would also be triggered by damage to primary structural members, proposals to significantly increase loads, or other significant changes. Previously, MMS has allowed for good engineering judgment to determine how modifications or significant changes would affect a platform's structural integrity. This proposed rule will provide for more consistency in seismic reassessment analysis.

DATES: MMS will consider all comments received by August 11, 1997. We will begin reviewing comments then and may not fully consider comments we receive after August 11, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Mail or hand-carry written comments to the Department of the Interior; Minerals Management Service; 381 Elden Street; Mail Stop 4700; Herndon, Virginia 22070-4817; Attention: Rules Processing Team.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lawrence Ake, Engineering and Research Branch, at (703) 787-1567.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Platforms installed offshore Southern California prior to the 1970's were designed and constructed according to onshore codes used at the time of their installation. In 1969, the American Petroleum Institute (API) published a document entitled "Recommended Practice for Planning, Designing, and Constructing Fixed Offshore Platforms," or API RP 2A, containing guidelines developed